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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the eighty-ninth day of the Ninety-Seventh Legislature first session. Our chaplain of the day is Pastor Rick Prettyman from the Pleasant View Bible Church in Aurora, Nebraska, in Senator Kremer's district. Pastor Prettyman.

PASTOR PRETTYMAN: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Pastor. We will call the Legislature to order. Members please record your presence. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a series of reports that will be on file in the Clerk's Office, available for member review. Report from Health and Human Services, from NIFA, and from the Nebraska Work Force Development entity within the Department of Labor. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 2303.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. First order of business?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a series of confirmation reports. The first report is offered by the Business and Labor Committee. It's found on Journal page 2033, signed by Senator Connealy as Chair.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Connealy, you're recognized to open on the confirmation report, Business and Labor Committee.